

9. (Twice Amended) A smoking article comprising:

shredded tobacco;

shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet, said reconstituted tobacco sheet containing 30% activated carbon particles of a mean particle size of 37 μm , said shredded tobacco and said shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet being blended together;

a tobacco rod formed from said blended shredded tobacco and said shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet; and

a wrapper, said wrapper having an inherent permeability of at least 20 CORESTA, said wrapper being placed around said tobacco rod to form said smoking article, said smoking article having mainstream smoke with a reduced aldehyde content and having a reduction in sidestream smoke when said smoking article is smoked.

Please cancel claims 12-15 and 24-26, without prejudice. A marked-up copy of twice amended claim 9 is enclosed for the Examiner's review.

REMARKS

Applicant, his principal representatives in Great Britain, and the undersigned have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action in the above-identified U.S. patent application, together with the prior art cited and relied on by the Examiner in the rejections of the claims. In response, the claims of the application have again been amended. The present Amendment After Final Rejection is believed to be an earnest